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USING A COMPUTER

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This letter is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 31, 2002.

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are pending in the above-referenced application. All claims stand rejected.
No claims have been amended or cancelled.

Claim Rejections – §102

Claims 1, 2, 6, 10-11, 17-18, 22, 26-27, 29-31, 36, 38-39, and 43-44 stand rejected under
35 U.S.C. §102(e) based on U.S. Patent No. 6,263,341 issued to Smiley (“Smiley”).

Smiley discloses:

It is possible that data described by the information repository will not exist in existing operational data bases. It may be the case that the relationship between a data base, it's tables (or segments), and data fields are described in the information repository. It is then possible to further the attributes of a data base in separate tables, related to but separate from, the repository. These are the attribute tables 120. This data can then be used to generate the physical implementations represented by the application data tables 122.

(Column 13, lines 46-55). Presumably, the data tables are generated the old fashioned way, by a human programmer writing executable code by hand. Clearly, Smiley does not disclose “the computer using the definition to generate the set of tables,” as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Assignee submits that claim 1 is patentable over Smiley.